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prise the ordinary plants of the family Cistaceae. *Viola pedata*, *V. Atlantica*, *Rhexia Mariana*, *R. Virginica* and *R. aristosa* are found. *Chamaenerion angustifolium* covers large spaces, also *Oenothera laciniata*.

The Ericaceae have such members as *Clethra alnifolia*, *Azalea nudiflora*, *A. viscosa*, *A. glauca*, *Kalmia angustifolia*, *Leucothoë*, *Pieris*, *Chamaedaphne*, *Xolisma ligustrina*, *Epigaea repens*, *Dendrium buxifolium* and *Gaultheria procumbens*.

The cranberries and the pyxie moss, *Pyxidanthera barbulata*, are found in suitable places. The gentians to be noted are *Bartonia Virginica* and *Gentiana Porphyrio*, as well as *Sabbatia* species. In the ponds with other water plants is found *Limnanthemum lacunosum*. *Asclepias* species abound. The Labiatae have such distinctive species as *Monarda punctata*, *Salvia lyrata* and *Scutellaria integrifolia*.

Lentibulariaceae are represented by *Utricularia cornuta*, *U. inflata*, *U. purpurea*, *U. subulata*, *U. intermedia* and *U. gibba*.

The Compositae are represented by about eight species of *Eupatorium*, two species of *Chrysopsis*, *Lacinaria graminifolia*, *Chondrophora*, *Sclerolepis uniflora*, *Solidago* and *Aster*, with a half dozen or more species each, and many others.

EUGENE SMITH,
Secretary pro tem.

NEWS ITEMS

Professor L. H. Bailey has been appointed director of the College of Agriculture of Cornell University.

Dr. Theodor Holm, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few weeks at the New York Botanical Garden, engaged in systematic studies on the Ranunculaceae.

Miss Anna Murray Vail, the librarian of the New York Botanical Garden, sailed for Europe on April 22, for the purpose of securing certain valuable books for the Garden library.

Mr. O. F. Cook, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has gone to Costa Rica with the intent of collecting data relative to the culture of bananas, coffee, and other tropical plants of economic importance.

Dr. Duncan S. Johnson and Mr. Forrest Shreve, of Johns Hopkins University, left Baltimore on April 8 for Jamaica, where they expect to collect materials for special botanical researches. Mr. William R. Maxon, of the U. S. National Herbarium, has recently joined Professor Underwood in Jamaica.

Professor F. S. Earle sailed for Porto Rico on May 9, commissioned by the Office of Experiment Stations of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to make some special investigations on diseases of economic plants of the island. He has been granted a few weeks' leave of absence for this purpose by the New York Botanical Garden.

Teachers College, Columbia University, has secured control of an adjacent vacant lot, on which a school garden, under the direction of Professor Francis E. Lloyd, has been started. During the summer, a greenhouse, the gift of Mr. George Foster Peabody, will be erected on this plot.

The editor of *TORREYA* sailed from New York on May 9 for Porto Rico, expecting to devote about two months to making collections and field studies of the marine algae of that island. Contributions intended for publication in *TORREYA* may be addressed in the meantime to Dr. John Hendley Barnhart, N. Y. Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York City.

The Fourth Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the Horticultural Society of New York will be held at the New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, May 13 and 14. The exhibition will be held in the hall of the Museum Building, and will be open to the public from 1 until 6:30 P. M. on Wednesday, May 13, and from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. on Thursday, May 14. At 4:25 P. M. on Wednesday, there will be an illustrated address by Mr. John K. L. M. Farquhar on "The Flowers, Fields, and Woods of Japan."

The program of the spring lectures at the New York Botanical Garden is as follows: April 18, "A Tour of American Deserts," by Dr. D. T. MacDougal; April 25, "The Vegetation of the Florida Keys," by Dr. M. A. Howe; May 2, "The Framework of Plants," by Dr. H. M. Richards; May 9, "Illustrations of Some Features of the West Indian Flora," by Dr. N. L. Britton; May 16, "The Food Supply of Young Plants," by Professor F. E. Lloyd; May 30, "The Color-Variations of Flowers," by C. C. Curtis; June 6, "The Streams, Lakes and Flowers of the Upper Delaware, and the Story of the Sundew," by Mr. Cornelius Van Brunt; June 13, "Vegetable Foods," by Dr. H. H. Rusby. The lectures are delivered in the auditorium of the Museum Building of the Garden, Bronx Park, on Saturdays, at 4:30 P. M.